

STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of September 11, 2007
Utah Department of Human Services
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attended:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair
Paula Bell, Vice-Chair
Dr. James Ashworth

Joleen Meredith
Lou Callister

Nora B Stephens
Darryl Wagner

Staff:

Mark Payne
Ron Stromberg
Dallas Earnshaw

Holly Watson
Jan Fryer

Guests:

Angela Smart

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Crookston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made.	
Approval of August 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes		Nora B moved that the August 14, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Dr. Ashworth and approved unanimously.
Update on Building Blocks	Mark Payne reported that the Division's proposed building block requests have been submitted to the Executive Director's Office. He indicated that the requests are tentative pending acceptance by the Department and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. The proposed requests were briefly reviewed by Division leadership.	Further information on the proposed building block requests will be made provided at the next Board meeting.
Fall Substance Abuse Conference	Mark reported that the Fall Substance Abuse Conference is scheduled for September 26-28 at the Dixie Center in St. George. He noted that the conference includes high level workshops presenters and keynote speakers. There was discussion on the recipient of the Board Award and who will present the award.	Darryl reported that he plans to attend the conference and agreed to present the Board award.
Report on Technical Assistance Visits	<p>Ron Stromberg provided an update on recent technical assistance visits that have occurred. He reported that a national expert came to Utah to provide training to clinical directors in the mental health centers on the components of person-centered planning. Medicaid has since announced new rehabilitation rules that are in place which mandate that person-centered training will be provided. Trainings will be organized throughout the state over the next year to assist in assuring that person-centered planning is in place.</p> <p>Training was also provided by a national expert on crisis stabilization units. This concept focuses on diverting individuals from emergency rooms and jails and into services that provide a more community-based treatment approach. Ron reported that it was determined from the training that Utah may need to develop a plan to determine what options are available once an individual leaves a crisis stabilization center before the state is ready for these types of facilities. Discussions will continue around the planning needs and integration of the ideas that were presented during the training.</p> <p>Ron also reported on a training held on wraparound services, which focus on keeping children out of hospitals and acute care beds and living in the home. He referred to the Milwaukee model where funding is pooled from various agencies and children that come into the system go through a team comprised of a representative from each of the agencies.</p> <p>Ron reported on the efforts that are being made to have tele-medicine available in all of the rural centers. This would allow rural centers to have the ability to tele-health with each other, as well as the Utah State Hospital.</p>	FYI.

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Technical Assistance Visits (continued)	Ron provided an update on the new Mental Health Initiatives Group. He reported that this group involves Mark and himself, as well as judges, sheriffs, police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections, etc. The group will meet for approximately 18 months to identify issues and determine what can be done to get individuals the services and treatment they need upfront rather than being incarcerated. The intent is to finalize initiatives prior to the 2009 legislative session.	
Revised Language for Administrative Rules	<p>Holly Watson updated the Board on the proposed language changes to R523-24, Off-Premise Retailer Alcohol Training and Education Seminar Rules of Administration. She reported that one revision includes adding a second item under the standards portion of the rule that states that all online training courses shall be provided on a secure website. In addition, a component will be added under the approved curriculum section of the rule that the provider's approved curriculum must include recognition of beverages containing alcohol including examples of such beverages.</p> <p>Holly also provided information on the proposed language change to R523-23, On-Premise Alcohol Training and Education Seminar Rules of Administration. She indicated that language will also be added to this rule that states that all online training courses shall be provided on a secure website.</p>	<p>Lou moved that the language revisions to the Off Premise Rule (R523-24) be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Ashworth and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Paula moved that the language revision to the On-Premise Rule (R523-23) be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Nora B and approved unanimously.</p>
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network (UBHN)	<p>Angela Smart provided an update on the recent activities of UBHN. She reported that following the merger with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), there was a review and discussion of their committees, their charters and memberships. She indicated that a new Public Policy Committee was proposed and will be chaired by Commissioner Steve White of Utah County. The purpose of this committee is to address the impact of any new policy and/or rule changes from Medicaid and SAMHSA, and any new proposed Federal legislation. Angela reported that the Futures Committee has been reestablished and Ron Stromberg and Juerген Korbanka are the Co-chairs.</p> <p>Angela reported on a pilot project on Utah's Network of Care Website that will involve UBHN collaborating with the Veteran's Administration to provide useful information for veterans and their families on the website. She noted that funding for this project is being discussed.</p> <p>Angela discussed the implementation for DORA (Drug Offender Reform Act) funded clients and indicated that the process seems to be going well. She reported that she participates on the DORA Steering Committee as a representative for the local substance abuse centers. She noted that efforts are being made to work closely with Corrections to assure that assessments that are done at Corrections can be transferred to the local substance abuse centers and assure that duplicate assessments do not occur.</p>	FYI.
Utah State Hospital	<p>Dallas Earnshaw reported for the State Hospital and indicated that the Legislative Audit continues at the Hospital. The lead auditor on the team has accepted a new position, and a new auditor will be reassigned.</p> <p>Nursing recruitment and retention continues to be a dilemma for the Hospital and nursing vacancies remain high. Dallas noted that a long-term strategic plan is being developed for the Department which includes specific ideas on how to address the ongoing issues and concerns.</p> <p>The State Building Board recently visited the Hospital and toured the Medical Services Building. Dallas indicated that a request is being made to demolish this building, along with the Beesley Girls Dorm and the Youth Center. A request will be made to replace these buildings with a new pediatric complex that would consolidate the functions and programs currently operating. Dallas indicated that the tour was favorable and positive responses were received from the Building Board.</p>	FYI.

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USH Report (continued)	<p>Dallas reported that he attended the recent Western States Hospital Association meetings. He noted that the Utah State Hospital has an excellent and collaborative relationship with other western state hospitals. He reported that other state hospitals are also struggling with staffing resource issues.</p> <p>Dallas reported that a plan has been developed and given to the Hospital's Governing Body for the State Hospital to become a tobacco free campus, with a tentative date set for November 15th. Classes and support groups have been made available for patients and staff to help them prepare and to ease the transition. In addition, the American Lung Association has been working with the Hospital to help develop policies and procedures for moving in this direction. Dallas noted that there is a strong national trend for state hospitals to become tobacco free environments, and that most hospitals have a process in place or a date set to become tobacco free.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Lou inquired about the remainder of the Board meetings for this year and the meeting schedule for 2008. Board members discussed the possible meeting times for 2008 and expressed an interest in continuing to hold Board meetings, if possible, in conjunction with the substance abuse and mental health conferences.</p> <p>Dr. Ashworth inquired about the need for the Board to begin addressing the funding formulas for substance abuse and mental health. This was briefly discussed and Mark agreed that at some point the Board does need to revisit the funding formulas and address any necessary adjustments that need to be made. Mark also indicated that the local centers have been inquiring about addressing the funding formulas.</p>	<p>The Board agreed to continue holding their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of the meetings held during the months of the two conferences. Jan agreed to develop a draft schedule for 2008 for discussion and Board approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Ashworth requested that the Board begin discussion on the funding formulas at the next meeting. Mark indicated that the Division would provide the Board with the administrative rules for both formulas and information on population growth.</p>
Adjournment		Paula moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Nora B and approved unanimously.